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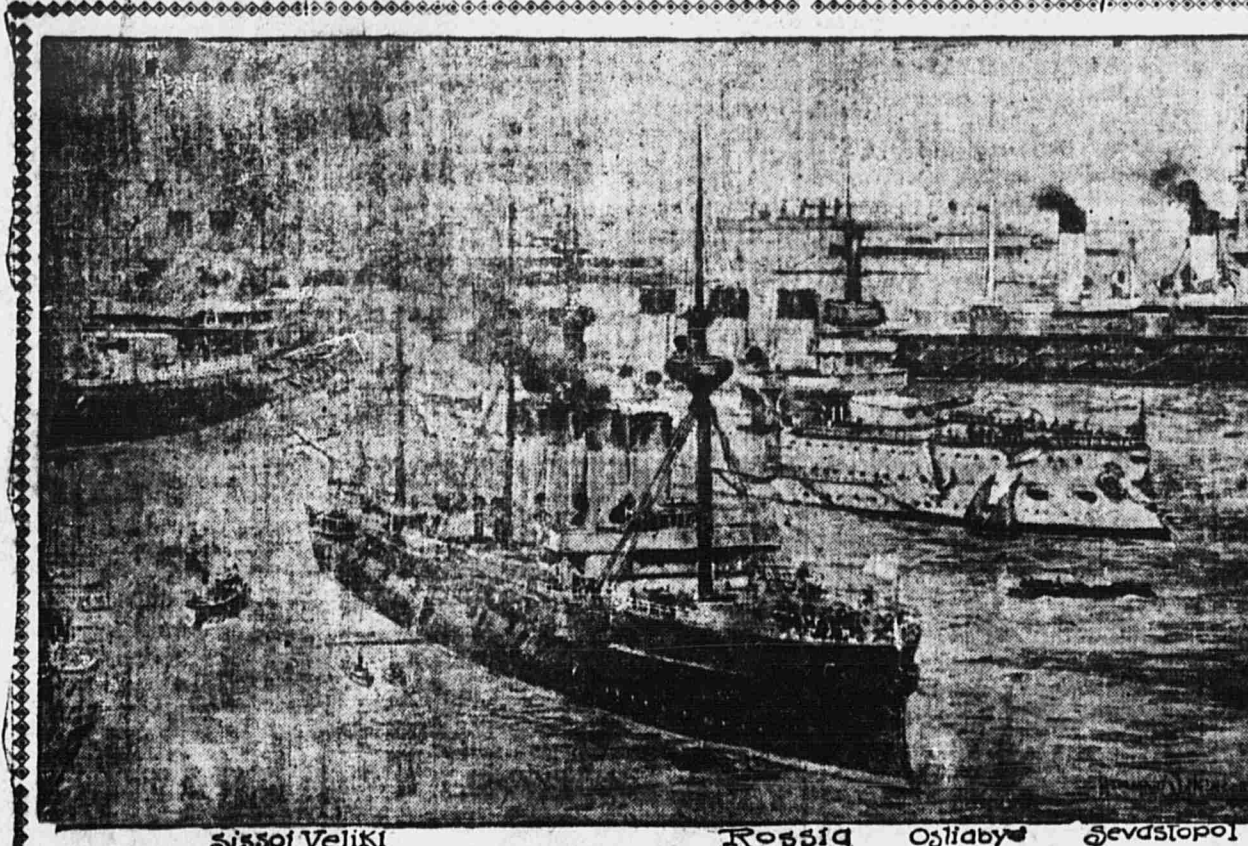
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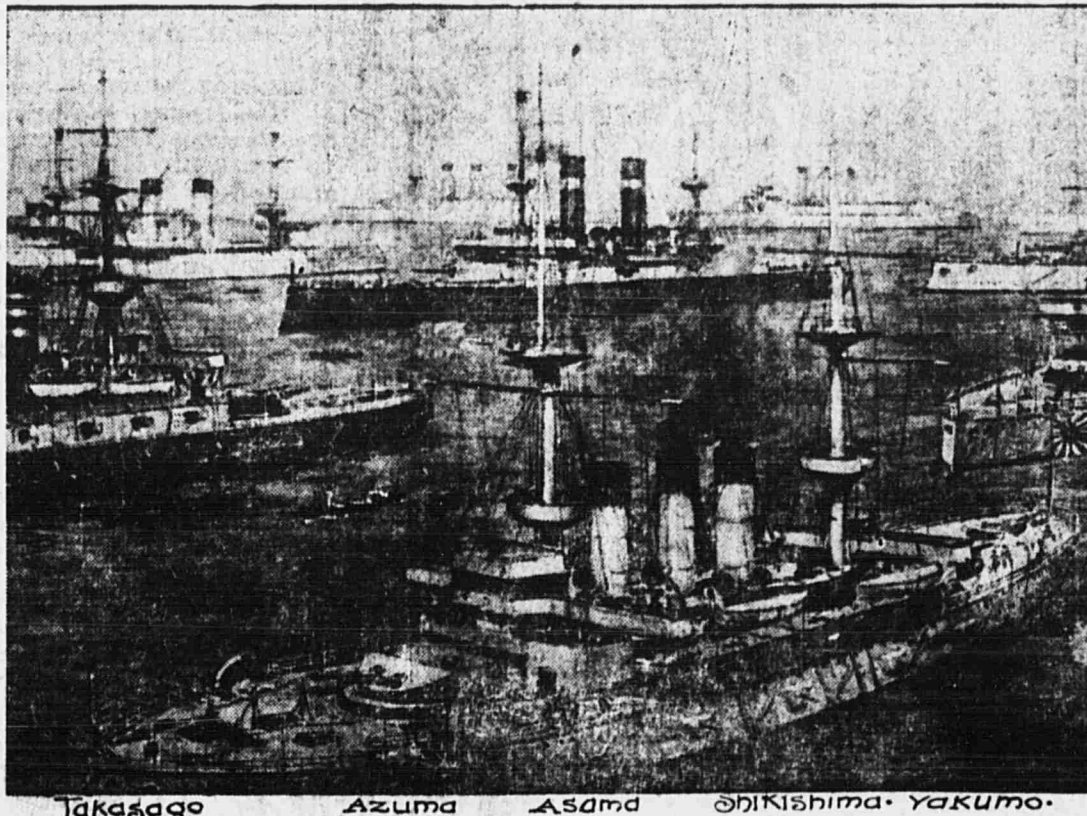
WAR MAY HAVE BEGUN!

RUSSIAN AND JAPANESE WARSHIPS READY FOR BATTLE.



Veliki

TYPE OF THE RUSSIAN FLEET



Takagago

TYPE OF THE JAPANESE FLEET

6,000 OF CZAR'S MEN READY FOR DASH ON COREA

Army Aboard Battle-Ships Which Left Port Arthur Heads for Chemulpo, While Mikado's Fleet Blocks the Way to Landing of Troops at Strategical Points.

DEFINITE ACTION AT TOKIO
AFTER CABINET CONFERENCE.

Ultimatum Supposed Sent to St. Petersburg When Hope of Peace Is Abandoned—Japs Hurried Ashore for Action from Steamers and Fighting Plans Were Laid.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—8.17 P. M.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Tokio says:

"The general impression here is that all hope of peace is gone.

"The Elder Statesmen had a conference this afternoon at which the Emperor was present. It is believed a weighty decision was reached."

SEOUL, Corea, Feb. 4.—Six thousand Russian troops have sailed from Port Arthur and will endeavor to land at Chemulpo, the port of Seoul, to-morrow.

This big force is declared heading here on the Czar's big fleet which left Port Arthur, and the immediate landing of the men will be tried, on the plea that Japan has already sent a large body of troops ashore.

Japan will oppose Russia's move, and a clash that is regarded as inevitable will in all probability start the war.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 4.—Russia's warships which sailed hurriedly under secret orders from Port Arthur, may be expected to appear at Chemulpo, near which spot a number of Japan's fighting vessels are said to be cruising.

In view of the critical condition of affairs and the probability of immediate war the first sea battle will likely be fought in Korean waters.

There is danger of a clash any moment, and the Koreans, realizing this, are in a state of panic. The deepest depression prevails at all the seaports, where eventual massacres of foreigners are apprehended.

The Europeans also have taken alarm and are sending their families to Shanghai.

Advices received from Seoul to-day state that every steamer from Japan conveys to Corea many Japanese officers and soldiers in disguise, and their presence in such numbers is regarded by the Russians as being a secret occupation of Corea.

TROOPS AWAIT WORD TO FIGHT.

At all other points Russia and Japan are lined up for war. Along the Yalu River the troops of the two nations are facing each other. The sudden activity is due to the policy of Viceroy Alexieff, who, having been given discretion in the matter of beginning war, is making all preparations for the first strike.

The sailing of the Port Arthur fleet and the stripping of the cruisers at Vladivostok for action, while the note to Japan is held up, is considered as pointing to but one thing: Russia's reply to the Japanese note will be one that Japan will not accept, and the failure to accept it will mean war.

TOKIO, Feb. 4.—Should Russia choose to provoke war pending the arrival of her reply to the Mikado's final terms she will find Japan fully prepared to meet her at any point. The Emperor held another conference with his Ministers to-day, at which the entire situation was canvassed thoroughly and orders of great moment were despatched to the Japanese commanders.

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS SAIL FOR FAR EAST FROM SUEZ

SUEZ, Egypt, Feb. 4.—The Russian battleship Orel, the transport Sarafoff and three torpedo boat destroyers sailed to-day for the Far East.

TOKIO, Feb. 4.—The Japanese commercial agent at Vladivostok was notified Wednesday by the commander of the Russian garrison that he might at any time, in accordance with orders from St. Petersburg, have to proclaim a state of siege. Consequently he desired the agent to make preparations for the eventual departure of Japanese residents. Should any wish to remain they will be ordered to repair to Hebarovsk.

MAY DEFY THE MAYOR AND OPEN THEATRES

Managers of Princess and Madison Square Say They Have Not Yet Been Officially Notified of Order to Close Issued To-Day.

Six of New York's playhouses will be dark to-night because of the alleged refusal of those in control to obey the orders of the Mayor to make the changes recommended by the Building and Health Departments.

The Mayor took instant action to-day when he heard that the managers had ignored his orders. The six places ordered closed are:

- GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.
- HURTIG & SEAMON'S MUSIC HALL, in Harlem.
- MADISON SQUARE THEATRE.
- PRINCESS THEATRE.
- VAUDEVILLE THEATRE, formerly Mrs. Osborn's playhouse.
- HUBER'S FOURTEENTH STREET MUSEUM.

MAY DEFY THE MAYOR.

The Shubert brothers, who control the Princess and the Madison Square Theatres, said late this afternoon that they had not been officially notified that their theatres could not open, and that they had no intention of closing their doors.

"But if you are notified to close what will you do?" asked an Evening World reporter of Charles Miller, representing the Shuberts.

"That bridge we will cross when we come to it," said Mr. Miller.

The attitude of the Shuberts may lead to trouble. The Mayor has said lately that not one of the condemned theatres can open to-night and Commissioner McAdoo said this afternoon that the Mayor's orders would be carried out to the letter if it took the entire police force of the city to accomplish it.

Representatives of the managers of the six playhouses condemned by the Mayor flocked to the City Hall this afternoon to see if some compromise could be arranged. The Mayor's answer to all of their pleadings was laconic.

"No compromise," he said. "Go ahead and make your theatres safe and then you can open."

MAYOR ACTED PROMPTLY.

The order of the Mayor was issued to-day immediately after a conference between Health Commissioner Darlington, Corporation Counsel Delaney and the Mayor, held at the City Hall to-day. In addition to ordering Dr. Darlington to close those places at once, the Mayor sent word to Police Commissioner McAdoo to give Dr. Darlington all the policemen necessary to see that his orders are obeyed. This order to Commissioner McAdoo is said to be due to a story which reached the Mayor that some of the managers meant to resist his orders and to fight him in the courts. The Mayor says he will not be trifled with.

The Mayor's decision is best told in a letter which he sent to Dr. Darlington within fifteen minutes after the Health Commissioner left his office.

LETTER TO DR. DARLINGTON.

This letter is as follows:

Dear Sir: The joint report of the Fire, Health and Building Departments, made on the 3d inst., on the inspection of the theatres of this city, showed that the following named theatres are unfit for use: The Grand Opera-House, Hurtig & Seamon's Music Hall, Huber's

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DRUGGED AND ROBBED IN CAB?

Miss Sheldon Accuses Driver of Vehicle of Using Chloroform on Her and Taking Her Purse and Jewels.

Miss Clayborn Sheldon, twenty-two years old, of No. 258 West Thirty-eighth street, told a story to Magistrate Barlow in the West Side Court to-day which resulted in the holding of John Moffatt, a cabman who lives at No. 35 Washington street, in \$2,000 bail. Miss Sheldon claimed that after driving her all over town Moffatt chloroformed her and then stole her purse and jewels.

"I hired him at the corner of Cortlandt and Greenwich streets," said Miss Sheldon. "I told him to drive me by the shortest road to the Hotel Vendome. It was dark when I got into the cab. After riding for a long time and up and down dark streets he brought the cab to a sudden stop at Broadway and Forty-ninth street. Jumping down from the box he opened the doors and demanded \$100 from me. I told him he must be crazy. Then he placed a handkerchief saturated with chloroform over my nose. The first thing I knew after that was that I was on Broadway near Forty-ninth street.

"He took my silver chateleine bag in which I had a silver purse and a lot of money. My blue enameled gold watch was gone and several sticks pins were missing. I reported the case to Policeman Dundero."

Dundero has been looking for the man for the last few days. By making inquiries near the place where he was engaged by the young woman he found out that Moffatt had a stand at the Liberty street ferry. Next day Moffatt did not appear, but to-day Dundero found him going into No. 57-1-2 Dey street. He was arrested charged with robbery.

MRS. MAYBRICK IN A HOME.

She Will Remain in Convallescent After Threat Until Released.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, Home Secretary Akers-Douglas confirmed the reports that Mrs. Florence Maybrick had been removed from Aylesbury Prison to a convalescent home, where she will remain until summer, when she will be allowed her freedom, and said that she had been granted a license under the Penal Servitude Acts.

"In accordance with the wishes of the authorities of the Home and with Mrs. Maybrick's own earnest desire, which I think entitled to consideration," added Mr. Akers-Douglas, "I do not propose to make public any further details as to the time or place of her release."

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Friday for New York City and vicinity: Fair and continued cold to-night; Friday fair; fresh westerly winds becoming variable.

Father John's Medicine cures colds, cures pneumonia. Guaranteed.

CHEATING PRINCETON STUDENTS EXPELLED

Five Freshmen Bought Examination Papers in Advance, It Is Alleged, and Were Promptly Dropped from Rolls by Faculty.

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 4.—Five students of the Freshman class have been expelled from Princeton University on the charge of cheating in examinations.

John N. Thompson and Thomas Kinney, both residents of Princeton, have been arrested and held in \$1,000 bail each on the charge of larceny. It is alleged that Thompson secured copies of the examination papers that had been prepared for the Freshmen through his son, who is employed in a local printing establishment.

Kinney is accused of having approached several students and offered the papers for sale. One of these students reported the matter to H. H. Henry, a Senior, who is Chairman of the Undergraduate System Committee. An investigation was immediately made and it is said the Committee found that five students had been guilty of purchasing the papers, and using them to pass their examinations.

On the recommendation of the committee the guilty students were dismissed from the college by the faculty. The affair has caused intense excitement in college circles, and nothing else is talked of.

KITCHEN STOVE EXPLODED.

Water Pipes Had Frozen and Woman Was Badly Hurt.

By the explosion of a water-bank in the kitchen of James Guthrie, at No. 143 Perry street, Jersey City Heights, to-day, Mrs. Guthrie was severely injured and the kitchen was wrecked.

Mrs. Guthrie and her husband had just returned from Morristown, where they had attended the funeral of Mrs. Guthrie's mother. They had been away several days, and Mrs. Guthrie made a fire in the kitchen range. She was pouring water into a kettle when there was a tremendous explosion. The range was shattered and pieces of iron were blown in all directions. One of the pieces struck Mrs. Guthrie in the right hand and lacerated it badly. She was knocked down by the force of the explosion and was found lying on the floor by her husband. The explosion is attributed to the freezing of the pipes.

POLICE STOP OPENING OF THEATRES

Squads of police appeared to-night in front of all six of the theatres which the Mayor had ordered closed and warned those in charge that they would be arrested if any attempt was made to open the playhouses. The appearance of the police at the

theatres just about the time for the doors to open startled the theatregoers. In ordering out the squads Commissioner McAdoo declared the unsafe theatres would be closed if it took the entire police force to enforce the order.

UNITED STATES NAVY TO GET THREE NEW WARSHIPS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The House Committee on Naval Affairs this afternoon agreed to the construction of a new battleship, two armored cruisers, three scout ships, two colliers and two marine boats.

STEAMER CATANIA HAS ROUGH VOYAGE.

The steamer Catania from Santos, Rio Janeiro and Barbados, with seven passengers on board, arrived here to-day after a sorry trip. High seas broke over the vessel, smashed the rudder chain and did other damage about the ship.

LATE WINNERS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Fifth Race—Harmakis 1, Redman 2, Foresight 3.
Sixth Race—The Messenger 1, Velos 2, Graviha 3.

JOCKEY IS HURT AT NEW ORLEANS

Gannon Falls from His Mount in First Event and Two Other Horses Pass Over Him, Rendering Him Unconscious.

THE WINNERS.

FIRST RACE—Pronta (3 to 1) 1, Satchel (7 to 1) 2, Bengal 3.

SECOND RACE—Travers (7 to 2) 1, Ben Howard (5 to 2) 2, Sid Silver 3.

THIRD RACE—Fort Plain (7 to 1) 1, Sadducee (4 to 5) 2, Joe Goss 3.

FOURTH RACE—Lev Dorsey (3 to 1) 1, Exclamation (7 to 1) 2, Bondage 3.

(Special to The Evening World.)

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 4.—Julius Gannon, of New York, has bought the promising two-year-old filly Miss Galore, by Imp. Galore-Contents, from Bob Walden for \$1,000. Miss Galore is a half-sister to Charentus. She signalled her debut on the turf yesterday by galloping over a fair field of youngsters.

H. D. Brown and "Bill" Flynn, of Texas, created a tremendous sensation in the crowded lobby of the St. Charles Hotel last night by engaging in a fist fight.

Brown owns Alamode, which won at long odds yesterday. Flynn introduced Brown to a man named Lehman, who bet considerable money on Alamode. Brown and Lehman had a settlement in the hotel, and when Flynn asked Brown to divide with him the owner of Alamode landed on the Texan's jaw. Flynn retaliated.

Weather and track conditions to-day were perfect and the racing was spirited. Eighteen books were in line. John Fay cut in for the first time. Jim Murphy, the largest operator here, cut in for three days Wednesday and sold his stand to-day. This is the first time he has been off since the meeting commenced. Murphy has been laying against the favorites, and it looks as though they have "rimmed" him.

ONE MILE.

Starters with jockeys. St. Hil Fin. Betting. Pronta, 105, T. Dean, 4 41 14 3 5-2. Satchel, 96, Aubuchon, 1 2 2 3 6-2. Bengal, 110, Fuller, 2 2 2 3 6-2. Esapo, 106, Minder, 3 6 1 4 12 4. Bluff, 94, Wood, 3 7 4 5 10 3. Chiles, 98, W. Hennessy, 4 5 6 9 9-2. Great Star, 99, J. Hennessy, 5 8 8 4 5-2. Frank M., 103, McIntyre, 5 8 8 4 5-2. Pirat's Daughter, 98, Sinclair, 9 fell. Uchlin, 98, C. Harris, 10 fell. Free Admission 111, Gannon 1 fell. Start good. Won driving. Time—1:41.5. There was the usual jam at the first turn. Uchlin fell and Free Admission and Pirat's Daughter stumbled over him. When the cloud of dust cleared away Gannon was seen being stretched out on the track. The other two jockeys scrambled to their feet while Gannon was carried to the jockeys' room in an unconscious condition. Satchel had the early speed in the race and led until well into the last sixteenth, when Pirat's Daughter came with a rush and, catching the leader tripping, got up in the last few strides and won by a neck.